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BUREAU OF NAVIGATION NEWS BULLETIN NO. 51.

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BUREAU ORGANIZATION CHANGED: The organization of the Bureau of Navigation has been changed to the extent that all matters affecting enlisted personnel are placed under one head, who is designated as the "Director of Enlisted Personnel."

He is charged with the administration of the three divisions of the Bureau of Navigation as formerly organized that deal with enlisted personnel, viz., (a) the Enlisted Personnel Division, (b) the Recruiting Division, and (c), the Training Division.

These three divisions retain their organization and function as formerly, but in this way are brought under one head for purposes of better cooperation and coordination of duties and effort.

Captain J.R.Y. Blakely, U.S. Navy has been designated as Director of Enlisted Personnel.

HONORABLE MENTION FOR LONG SERVICE:

"From: The Secretary of the Navy
To: Allen Hebb, 1724772, CCM., USN., The Receiving Ship at San Diego, Calif. (Commanding Officer)

SUBJECT: Hebb, Allen, 1724772, CCM., USN.
Completion of thirty years.

1. You have the congratulations of the Department upon completion of thirty years honorable service to your Government. During your long career in this branch of the Government's service you have witnessed many advancements in the efficiency and strength of the Navy, and you have the satisfaction of knowing that you have been instrumental in the accomplishment of these results.

2. You have my best wishes for a long, happy and useful life."

CHANGE IN ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS TO ANNAPOLIS: It has been decided to omit the subjects of French and Spanish from the entrance examinations for candidates for midshipmen. All candidates or prospective candidates for competitive examination from the enlisted personnel should be informed accordingly. Therefore, the questions in French and Spanish recently sent out by the Bureau for the preliminary examination for candidates for midshipmen from the enlisted personnel on 1 September 1924 should be destroyed.

MISUSE OF - "JUNIOR OFFICER OF DECK": The attention of the Service is invited to the Bureau's News Bulletin #48, of 2 July, 1924, - item, "Officer Situation on Destroyers". The Destroyer Commander in his letter speaks of an ensign: "In port he stands junior officer of the watch x x", and in another part of the letter states that "He stood watch in port as junior officer of the deck xx".

The officer of the deck is a person of great authority on board ship whose duties and responsibilities cannot be delegated. He has junior officers to assist him, known as the junior officer of the watch, but there is no "junior officer of the deck."

The Bureau desires to stamp out the use of the term "junior officer of the deck" in order that the authority given to the officer of the deck by the Regulations will not be encroached upon by any who are not entirely in accord with the authority of the officer of the deck.

EMPLOYMENT BY THE GOVERNMENT OF RETIRED OFFICERS IN CIVILIAN CAPACITY:

"That portion of News Bulletin No. 50, dated 7 July, 1924, which reads, 'The law or the Comptroller's decisions do not permit the employment in a civilian capacity of officers retired other than for incapacity incurred in the line of duty,' should be amended to read, 'The law permits the employment in a civilian capacity of officers retired other than for incapacity incurred in the line of duty if neither the retired pay of the officer nor the salary attached to a civilian position amounts to two thousand five hundred dollars a year.' "

CORRESPONDENCE COURSES: (From Coast Guard Weekly Bulletin): The Navy Correspondence courses are meeting with much favor throughout the Service. Letters are being received at Headquarters constantly which evidence the enthusiasm of the men.

The HAIDA says: "The additional courses arrived and we want to thank you fellows at Headquarters very much. The courses are all filled up and we are typing extra copies of a number of them in order to reach all those desiring to take them."

The ALGONQUIN writes: "We are glad to receive the correspondence courses. We have about 30 men enrolled. Any other courses that you can send us will be appreciated. Several of the men have requested a course in Accountancy, Bookkeeping and Typewriting."

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Captain J. M. Moore, Commander of the Southern Division says: "To signify their interest, several of the enlisted personnel have made known their desire to pay for some of the courses, if necessary."

Orders are coming in every day, and Headquarters is much pleased with the interest which is being taken by the entire personnel. The extent of the educational project will depend directly upon the attitude of the people in the field, and it is gratifying to note that their enthusiasm is even beyond our expectations at this time.

AVIATION MECHANICS SCHOOL: The Aviation Mechanics School at Great Lakes is now being used for advanced instruction of rated men of the aviation branch, and the Bureau is not authorizing the transfer to the school of any nonrated men or rated men of general service ratings.

The petty officer requirements of the aviation branch are being met by training nonrated men for advancement to lowest petty officer ratings at all Air Stations, and in the Aviation Squadrons Afloat.

All advancements in the aviation branch are being made by promotion through the lowest petty officer rating of that branch and no petty officers of general service ratings are being transferred to aviation duties or ratings, except men now on the aviation rating eligibility list.

All aviation commands have been requested to give particular attention to the training of men for aviation duties.

Nonrated men who request aviation duty will, when practicable, be ordered to fill the nonrated billets at Air Stations and in the Aviation Squadrons Afloat.

NAVAL ASSISTANCE TO WORLD FLYERS: Naval Vessels assisting flyers in the around-the-world flight across the Atlantic have been requested to make particular observations for the Hydrographic Office. These vessels will visit waters of which very little is known and their reports will make a valuable contribution to our knowledge of ocean meteorology and currents.

LUNAR ECLIPSE: Request has gone out to vessels on the Asiatic and the European stations to make hourly observations from six hours prior to, during, and continuing for six hours after the Lunar Eclipse August 14, of color, quantity and kind of clouds, temperature of air, wet and dry bulbs, barometer, force and direction wind, temperature and state of sea.

HYDROGRAPHIC OFFICE AT SAULT SAINTE MARIE: The Hydrographic Office at Sault Sainte Marie has been reorganized to give the best possible service to all vessels passing through the Sault. The Hydrographic Desk is maintained at the locks and the master of every vessel that passes through the locks, day or night, is given up-to-the-minute information.

CONFERENCE ON OCEANOGRAPHY: The conference on Oceanography convened by the Secretary of the Navy on July 1, 1924, of representatives of all the departments and scientific institutions of the Government and of the Carnegie

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Institution of Washington, has undertaken the study of all matters pertaining to a proposed Naval Scientific Research Expedition. An executive committee has been elected and will hold frequent meetings.

Captain F. E. Bassett was elected President of the conference and Lieutenant Commander G. E. Brandt, Secretary-General.

NEW COURSES IN NAVIGATION: A short course of study in Practical Navigational Methods, Hydrographic Engineering and Oceanography has been inaugurated in the Hydrographic Office for junior officers. The course requires three months. It is proposed to assign officers to this duty from cruising ships when the employment of vessels permit.

NAVAL REPRESENTATIVE TO FOOD CONSERVATION CONGRESS: The Pan Pacific Food Conservation Congress meeting in Honolulu from July 31 to August 14 will be attended by Rear Admiral J. D. McDonald, who has been designated as a delegate from the Navy Department and who will read a paper on the Hydrographic Office and its work.

HYDROGRAPHIC REVIEW: The Hydrographic Review published by the International Hydrographic Bureau for the year ending May 1924, has been received. Besides reviewing the work of the Bureau for the year, there are a number of interesting articles contributed by various Hydrographic Offices particularly the following:

"Visibility of Lights"

"Biographical Sketch of Lieut. Matthew Fontaine Maury, USN."

"Echo Sounding" (Sonic Depth Finder).

"Boat Sounding and Examination of Shoals in Sweden"

(Describes special wire drag apparatus).

"Compass Rose Dated 1689".

A copy of this Review may be examined in the Hydrographic Office. Copies may be had through the Hydrographic Office, Price, \$1.00.

NAVAL RESERVE ACTIVITIES: The Bureau has experienced in the past great difficulty in securing, in class 2, of the Naval Reserve Force enrollment of young men qualified for commissioned rank. To overcome this condition and to insure a gradual building up of the commissioned personnel in the lower ranks of this class, the Bureau is formulating plans for establishing in certain colleges a course taken in conjunction with the regular college courses, which on the whole will parallel that now in force at the Naval Academy.

A limited number of registered students who are physically qualified, who take a keen interest in the Naval service and who meet other requirements to be established, will upon their request be permitted to take this four year's course. They will be enrolled as Reserve Midshipmen, Class 6, and upon successfully completing the course will, in addition to receiving their regular college degrees, be commissioned as Ensigns, Class 2, in the Naval Reserve Force.

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During the four years instruction period, in addition to the prescribed course, they will at the close of each of the first three academic years be required to take a summer cruise, possibly the Midshipmen's practice cruise which in the past few years has been made to European Countries.

The Reserve Midshipmen will receive no pay except while on the cruise, during which time they will receive Midshipman's pay.

For the present and during the coming academic year but one college will be selected and only a small number of students will be enrolled, as the Bureau desires during this year to thoroughly test out and perfect all plans before attempting to extend the system.

It is felt that through the course, enrollments in commissioned ranks in the Naval Reserve Force of young men well grounded in their profession will result, and that thereafter these young men may be kept abreast of the times insofar as concerns the Naval service, through drills and a yearly summer cruise, following out a course of instruction to be prepared by the Bureau.

The results of the first examination of Reserve Officer for promotion show the following to date:

Failed to take examination	294
Failed physically	96
Passed professionally	412
Failed professionally	162
Examinations not in	64
Total examinations sent out	1028

The commissions of officers who were found qualified and within the authorized number for each grade are being issued as fast as possible.

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DESIGNATION - NAVAL AVIATOR: The following policy in regard to issuance of designation as naval aviator has been approved by the Secretary of the Navy:

In future the designation "naval aviator" or "student naval aviator" will be issued only to officers who are eligible to command Naval craft in war.

All officers and men, regardless of corps, whose duties require the making of frequent flights in aircraft will be detailed to duty involving flying.

Officers of the staff corps who now hold "naval aviator" designations will be permitted to retain same; and officers of the staff corps who now hold "student naval aviator" designation and undergoing aviation training will, upon the successful completion of the course of training, be designated "naval aviators".

In future officers of the staff corps may be given such flight training, and other aviation training, as may be considered desirable to better qualify them for the performance of their staff duties. During such training these officers shall be detailed to duty involving flying, and upon the completion of the course of training they will be given suitable certificates, setting forth their aviation qualifications.

The Navy Regulations, Bureau of Navigation Manual, and the present syllabus for the training of naval aviators and naval aviation pilots, will be amended to accord with the above instructions, and the Bureau of Navigation will issue suitable syllabi for flight and other aviation training for officers of the various staff corps.

TRADE SCHOOLS: During the remainder of this fiscal year, the only men to be entered in the Mechanics Schools will be a small quota of recruits who have completed the course of instruction of Training Stations.

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The Bureau has recently issued instructions to all recruiting stations east of the Mississippi River to interview applicants for reenlistment in certain ratings for the purpose of determining whether they desire to reenlist for submarine duty. In the case of those who are considered desirable material, and who are physically qualified for that duty, the Bureau will direct their individual transfers either direct to the Fleet or to the Submarine Training School at New London. The only men it is expected to send to this School are those of no previous submarine experience.

REDUCTION IN SHIPS' COMPLEMENT: Recently a Commanding Officer made an analysis of the approved complement of his ship, and on his own initiative recommended a reduction. It was small but a reduction. The following is quoted from the Bureau's reply:

"The Bureau is under constant pressure for increases of complement from many activities of the Navy, due to material development and other causes. Your action in analyzing the present approved complement and recommending a reduction of those ratings not considered absolutely necessary assists the Bureau in distributing the enlisted personnel to the best advantage and is commendable."

RECRUIT DIVISION ABOARD SHIP: The following is quoted from a letter from the Commanding Officer of one of the Naval Training Stations: -

"I believe that the additional two months of training in a recruit division on board ship will soon produce beneficial results if carried out in the spirit in which the same was inaugurated.

"The idea of a recruit division on board ship is excellent and it should be clearly understood by all officers that its purpose is not only to continue the training of the recruit beyond the point to which the same was carried at the training station, but also, and particularly, to afford an opportunity for best developing individual talent and inclination so that each man be placed in that niche on board ship in which he best fits."

DISCHARGE AS UNDESIRABLE: The following is quoted from letters recently written to the Commander-in-Chief, Asiatic Fleet and Commander-in-Chief, Battle Fleet.

"Attention of commanding officers was invited in Bureau of Navigation Circular letter No. 30-23 of May 9, 1923 to the fact that it is contrary to the policy of the Bureau to discharge a man as undesirable as a punishment for an offense. In Article D-8515 of the Bureau of Navigation Manual, it is pointed out that the authority to discharge as undesirable delegated to commanding officers, is in effect, an approval in advance by the Bureau; consequently, the Bureau's policies in regard thereto should be scrupulously followed."

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SUBSISTENCE - CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS. The Bureau recently received a request from the Commanding Officer of an activity within a Naval District requesting that the married chief petty officers attached to his command be authorized a cash allowance in lieu of quarters and subsistence in kind. The reasons advanced were that chiefly petty officers at some of the other activities of the District were receiving such an allowance and that no suitable quarters for married enlisted men were available on the reservation. The following quotation is made from the Bureau's endorsement disapproving this request: -

"A mistaken impression seems to exist that the subsistence allowance is a portion of pay to which enlisted men are entitled if they are married or if they find their actual pay insufficient. This conception is entirely erroneous. Authorization of these allowances based upon any such conception is bound, in view of the necessity for economy throughout the Service, to react against the interests of the Service as a whole. For these reasons, it is the desire of the Bureau that a strict interpretation be placed by all concerned upon the conditions governing the payment of allowances in lieu of quarters and messing facilities (as contained in the Bureau Manual) and that, if such facilities are available for the personnel, as enlisted members of the Naval Service, they be so used."

NEW FINGER PRINT POLICY: The Bureau has received encouraging reports in regard to the operation of the recently adopted policy of including finger prints on notices of rewards for apprehension of deserters. The following is quoted from a letter to the Bureau from the Chief of Police of a large city on the Pacific Coast:

"This report is submitted as a matter of information and as one example of the value of the fingerprints the Bureau recently started sending in cases of deserters. Aside from their value to the Navy in apprehending deserters, they assist the police in ridding the city of vagrants and preventing crime.... Several deserters have recently been sent up for burglary and robbery in this city."

In this connection, the percentage of surrenders and deliveries "to the gross number of deserters" has risen from 59% to 64% in the last 5 months.

SONIC DEPTH FINDER: The Sonic Depth Finder, it is hoped, will prove useful in detecting the presence of ice bergs. With this end in view an experimental set which has already been authorized by Congressional appropriation, will be installed on each of the Coast Guard vessels engaged on the patrol next season.

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SURVEY VESSELS: The three surveying vessels are now in the Philadelphia Navy Yard, fitting out for the approaching season. It is expected that they will sail for the surveying areas October 1st.

The HANNIBAL (Commander W. T. Conn), will continue the south Cuba project in the Batabano Bay-Isle of Pines area.

The NOKOMIS (Commander R. E. Ingersoll) will continue operations on the north coast of Cuba, basing on Cardenas.

The NIAGARA (Commander Paul F. Blackburn) will begin a new survey project on the north coast of Venezuela. The necessary diplomatic representations have been made to the Venezuelan Government, and enthusiastic response has been received with a cordial invitation to conduct the survey and a statement that on being informed of the date of arrival of the naval personnel appropriate arrangements will be made to extend facilities.

CONFERENCE ON OCEANOGRAPHY: The Executive Interim Committee of the Conference on Oceanography will meet on August 27, to draw up final recommendations and plans for the proposed naval expedition for oceanographic investigations.

PAY TO MESSMEN: Referring to a recent letter of the Bureau to the Commandants of all Naval Districts, authorizing the payment of \$5.00 monthly to messmen at radio stations where messing facilities are maintained, the question was presented to the Bureau as to whether the fact that the men attached to the radio station were in receipt of \$1.00 per diem in lieu of Government rations would affect this authorization for extra pay for messmen. The Department has held that it knows of no law or regulation which precludes such payment to nonrated men under such conditions.

NAVY MOTION PICTURES - IMPROVEMENT: The Bureau is purchasing monthly through the Navy Motion Picture Exchange, from the leading motion picture producers, twenty carefully selected prerelease pictures. These films are purchased in duplicate and are distributed to the Service in their prerelease status. The purchase of duplicate prints is enabling the Bureau to withdraw from circulation motion pictures that have been in circulation from 3 to 4 years. Under the present system of distribution, the Bureau expects eventually to be able to withdraw all old pictures and have in circulation only pictures of late release.

The Bureau requests that immediately upon the loss or destruction of a motion picture film a detailed report be made to the Bureau with a copy to the Navy Motion Picture Exchange, Navy Yard, New York.

FUTURE PRODUCTIONS TO BE DISTRIBUTED BY THE NAVY MOTION PICTURE EXCHANGE

Arab, The	Novarro-Terry
Bluff	Agnes Ayres
Breaking Point	Patsy Ruth Miller
Code of the Sea	Rod LaRocque
Confidence Man	Thomas Meighan
Dawn of a Tomorrow	Jacqueline Logan
Dorothy Vernon of Haddon Hall	Mary Pickford
Fair Week	Walter Hairs
Fighting Coward	Ernest Torrence
Flaming Barriers	Logan-Moreno
Guilty One	Leatrice Joy
Heritage of the Desert	Bobo Daniels
Humming Bird	Gloria Swanson
Icebound	Dix-Wilson
Man from Texas	Harry Carey .
Men	Pola Negri
Montmartre	Pola Negri
Moral Sinner	Dorothy Dalton
Next Corner	Lon Chaney
Painted Flapper	James Kirkwood
Peter the Great	Emil Jannings
Pied Piper Malone	Thomas Meighan
Roaring Rails	Harry Carey
Secrets	Norma Talmadge
Shadows of Paris	Pola Negri
Singer Jim McKee	William S. Hart
Society Scandal	Gloria Swanson
Soft Shoes	Harry Carey
Stranger, The	Conway Tearle
Triumph	Joy LaRocque
West of the Water Tower	Glenn Hunter
Wise Virgin	Patsy Ruth Miller
Yolanda	Marion Davies
Another Scandal	Lois Wilson
Bedroom Window	Leatrice Joy
For Sale	Claire Windsor
Her Own Free Will	Helen Chadwick
How to Educate a Wife	Prevost-Blue
Lone Chance	John Gilbert
Self Made Failure	Lloyd Hamilton
Tiger Love	Taylor-Moreno
Tiger Thompson	Harry Carey
Why Get Married	Andre Lafayette

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